U.S. Army Installation Management Agency

School Liaison Officer Overview

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Our Mission **-** ***provide equitable, effective and efficient management of Army installations worldwide to support mission readiness and execution, enable the Well-being of Soldiers, civilians and family members, improve the Army's aging infrastructure and preserve our environment.***

Leading Change for Installation Excellence

School Liaison Services (SLS)
Baseline Services

- School Transition Support Services
- Partnerships in Education (PIE) Initiatives
- Installation/School Communications
- Home School Linkage/Support
- Post-Secondary Preparation Opportunities

SLS Vision

“Leveling the playing field” for transitioning military children and youth

SLS Mission

- **Mobilizing and using community resources to reduce the impact of the mobile military lifestyle on military children/youth**
- **Implementing predictable support services that assist children/youth with relocations, life transitions and achieving academic success**
- **Providing A-C-C-E-S-S for parents, children/youth, schools, commanders, and communities to a wide range of resources that facilitate school transitions**

SLS Goals

- **Identify barriers to the academic success and smooth transition of Army children/youth and develop solutions to barriers**
- **Promote parent and community involvement in youth education**
- **Develop and coordinate Partnerships in Education (PIE) initiatives**
- **Provide Army parents the tools to overcome obstacles to academic success that children, encounter as a result of the military lifestyle**
- **Educate local schools and communities about the needs of military children/youth and military lifestyle**

SLS Operating Principals

- **SLS is a core mission and integral component of the CYS System and Youth Education Support Services (YESS) Program. YESS is the overarching framework to coordinate youth education support services for your and parents**
- **CYS has established an underlying framework for the School Liaison Officer (SLO) to provide/facilitate predictable school transition and education support services Army-wide**
- **YESS/SLS staffing is based on size of CYS delivery system. SLO positions may be dual-hatted, where program size warrants, with a related function (e.g.,YESS)**
- **SLO serves as the primary advisory to the commander/staff on matters relating to schools and your education support services**
- **SLO access to the Commander is to be determined by local protocol (in writing).**
- **Partnerships in Education (PIE) initiatives are a major function of the SLO**

SLS Responsibilities

- Serve as primary advisory Commander/command staff on matters relating to schools and SLS
- Function as installation subject matter expert (SME) for youth education/school issues
- Manage/coordinate implement SLS
- Inform and assist parents on youth education and school issues
- Develop solutions in partnership with local schools that ease barriers to successful education transitions for Army youth
- Collaborate with local schools, installation organizations, and community organizations to facilitate the education experience of military children and youth

SLS Written Local Protocol

- Command view on the scope of your responsibilities and priorities
- Access to the Commander
- Method and frequency of contacts e.g., whether the Commander/Chain of Command envision meeting monthly or a s needed, formal briefings on informal discussions, in-progress reviews (IPRs), Information papers, etc.
- Level of interface with local school systems and military and civilian community agencies, e.g., Principal versus Superintendent
- Circumstances under which you may represent the

School Liaison Services (SLS) provides ACCESS to a wide range of resources to facilitate Army youth education transitions

SLS can provide ACCESS for PARENTS by …

Addressing issues with youth registration in the local school system

Coordinating education transition related resources and points of contacts within school and community

Collaborating with parents to ensure academic success

Educating parents on the local school system policies, procedures and programs and schedules

Supporting home school families

Supplying resource materials on primary, secondary, and post-secondary education

SLS = ACCESS to Academic Success

Army School Liaison Officers provide "world class" service to military youth

SLS can provide ACCESS for YOUTH by …

Affiliating with 4-H and Boys and Girls Clubs of America

Connecting youth through sponsorship activities, outreach events, and action councils

Creating opportunities for work force preparation, citizenship and leadership development

Enhancing educational experiences through CYS instructional programs and partnerships in education

Sponsoring transitioning teens

Supplying post-secondary education information

SLS can provide ACCESS for SCHOOLS by …

Arranging access to military units/ commanders

Consolidating school information for military families

Communicating procedures for in and out processing

Encouraging relationships between school, military families, installation, and community

Supporting school personnel by providing information concerning the military lifestyle

Securing access to military resources

SLS can provide ACCESS for COMMANDERS by …

Advising command on local schools and youth education transition issues

Coordinating Partnerships In Education

Communicating school and family concerns

Evaluating programs and services

Spearheading integration of military children into local school system

Serving as advocate for military families

SLS can provide ACCESS for Communities

Acquainting the community with information about the military lifestyle and resources

Coordinating partnerships between the community and installation

Combining resources to eliminate duplication of services

Enhancing community programs through partnerships with school, business/industry

Supporting academic enrichment programs and related initiatives

Serving as focal point for gathering and disseminating information

Access your local
School Liaison Officer at:

Army School Liaison Services

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